



The American Legion  
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The Voice for Today's Veterans and Military  
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## Notes from the Department Commander

Greetings...I hope everyone's membership year is off to a great start. It has been a great year so far...I have meet so many wonderful people and have received some great feedback. One common topic I have heard about is training. The American Legion provides some great training for members and I would like to take a moment to discuss some of those opportunities.

On the American Legion website at <https://www.legion.org/information-center/training> there are some great training links to utilize in your post/districts. The first one I would like to share is Basic Training; The American Legion's official training program for officers, members, Legion College applicants and those who simply want to expand their knowledge of the nation's largest veterans service organization is now available online.

Already taken the old course? The American Legion Extension Institute has been rewritten, updated, streamlined and enhanced with videos, digital photos, clickable links, a historical timeline and additional features. The program should take less than two hours to complete. It is divided into six sections, with a quiz at the end of each one, followed by a final exam. <https://register.legion.org/alei>

The next link is Training Tuesdays, <https://www.legion.org/information-center/training/training-tuesdays>. The last Tuesday of each month American Legion National Headquarters staff will present 60 to 90-minute sessions on topics aimed at post commanders and adjutants. Each session will be recorded and made available for later viewing. Below is a link on how to join a session.

[Video: Learn how to join a session\(Opens in a new window\)](#)

The last one I would like to discuss is Training in a Box, this is a dropbox repository offering workshop presentations, videos, and digital materials to enhance your training experience. It can be found at the link below:

<https://www.dropbox.com/scl/fo/xtvt813x9wv3yoi1amz8q/h?rlkey=ijrw7iu2gvpkcb0fokdrhv3hy&e=2&dl=0>

We have a responsibility to train and mentor our members and the future leaders of our great organization. It takes all of us to share the importance of The American Legion. As always, if you have any questions, comments, or concerns please do not hesitate to call anytime. Thank you for all you do!!

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### **Notes from the Department Vice-Commander and Membership Chairman**

Happy fall everyone, hope all is well. The new membership year is well underway. Things are going good but could be better. Let's keep up the good work. Our next goal of 65% is Veterans Day November 11th. I know we can do it! Congratulations to Post 194 for winning the spin in September and to Post 145 for winning the spin in October. For those that are not familiar with the spin, any Post that achieves the national goal in their time frame is entered into a wheel that is spun and the winning Post receives \$200. I would love to see every Post in the State of Kansas be in every spin. So, good luck. I hope everyone has a fantastic holiday season to come and God Bless you all.

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## **Department Adjutant's Newsletter November 2024**

**CONTRACT FOR POST/DISTRICT/DEPARTMENT FLAG SALES:** Each American Legion Post within the Department of Kansas is able to sign up with National Emblem Sales to become a part of their Flag Rewards Program. Signing up is very easy. Have your Post Adjutant sign up your Post at: [http://emblem.legion.org/flag\\_rewards\\_registration.asp](http://emblem.legion.org/flag_rewards_registration.asp) it only take a few seconds. Start purchasing your American Flags and other flag items from American Legion National Emblem Sales at [www.AmericanLegionFlags.com](http://www.AmericanLegionFlags.com) or you may call them at: 1-888-453-4466. Either option is very quick and easy! PLEASE give National Emblem Sales a try. I believe you will be very happy with their Service and products.

**VETERANS DAY IS NOVEMBER 11.** If your Post has not already planned a function for this Veterans Day now is the time to organize some type of activity. It is up to us as veterans to remind everyone of the sacrifices made by our nation's servicemen and women to preserve America's freedoms. It is fitting also, to honor and show appreciation to those in the National Guard and Reserve Forces. They are the ones who are preserving the peace and freedoms so many fought and died for, and we enjoy today. Don't let this Veterans Day slip by unnoticed in your community. P.S.: ALL of today's National Guard and Reserve are eligible for membership in The American Legion providing they have ONE Day of Active Duty since 7 December 1941 (Pearl Harbor Day). The key to success is asking our fellow veterans to join our ranks.

**NOVEMBER MEMBERSHIP DRIVE:** National Headquarters' second dues reminder arrived in October. Department Commander Evans asks each Post to conduct a membership drive this month. Posts must not substitute National's dues notice for their own membership plan. Posts should form membership teams to contact those who have not renewed their membership and to seek out new members. Knock on doors, organize telephone drives, divide unpaid members' names among membership workers, etc. Review old Post Rosters for members who may have forgotten to pay their dues in the past. They're a gold mine of opportunity to re-sign as new members. Do whatever is necessary to collect everyone's dues now.

**PROCLAMATIONS:** Suggested proclamations for Veterans Day, National Education Week and National Family Week can be found at [Legion.org](http://Legion.org). All Posts are encouraged to seek local and county adoption for each. Invite the media for signing ceremonies.

**ORATORICAL CONTEST:** The Department Oratorical Contest is scheduled for March 15, 2025 at 9:00 at Topeka Post # 400. Over \$144,000 in scholarships will be awarded; make sure your community's students and parents are aware of this opportunity.

**EVERY POST** has an obligation to provide their members the opportunity to enroll in the free \$1,000 accidental Death and dismemberment insurance policy which can increase to \$5,000 if the accidental death of a member occurs while attending, participating in, or traveling to or from an official American Legion sponsored event or

activity. Members can sign up by calling 800-235-6943 or going to [www.thelit.com](http://www.thelit.com) and clicking on "SIGN UP NOW".

GOLD AND SILVER STARS: Be sure to keep accurate records for all your membership workers and report them to Headquarters. Awards will be sent by Headquarters to every reporting Post. Deadline for qualifying for the Gold Star Club, Silver Star Club and Gold Star with Wreath is February 1, 2025. Remember a new member is one who was not a member of your local Post for 2024. If a member dropped out for a year or more and rejoins, they are considered a new member and are worth two (2) points, a renewal is one (1) point. Gold Star and Silver Star certification forms are included in this Adjutants Letter.

POSTS WITH A QUOTA OF 50 MEMBERS OR LESS: Adjutants can certify a member to the Gold Star Club if the member signed 60% of the Post's Quota by February 1, 2025, and is certified to Department Headquarters by February 15, 2025.

STATE BOWLING TOURNAMENT: Information and entries for the 78th State Bowling Tournament are being mailed to all past participants and bowling alleys. If your local bowling alley does not receive the information, please contact State Headquarters. This year's tournament will be held at Gage Center Bowl, 4200 SW Huntoon Street in Topeka January 11-12, 18-19 and 25-26, 2025.

DISTRICT STANDINGS AS OF OCTOBER 18, 2024: District X, 718 – 64.80%; District I, 1,412 – 63.83%; District VI, 762 - 61.55%; District II, 1,978 – 60.88%; District IX, 523 – 60.67%; District IV, 613 – 57.78%; District VII, 830 – 57.01%; District XI, 961 – 56.23; District III, 999 – 55.29%; District VIII, 395 – 54.86% and District V, 1,342 – 51.91%. Department Headquarters Post 58 (included in Dept. total) is 665. Total membership is 11,198. Membership last year this date was 11,815. We are BEHIND 617 members!

**IN ORDER TO AVOID RECEIVING THE NEXT RENEWAL NOTICE ALL PAID MEMBERS' CARDS MUST BE IN THIS OFFICE BY DECEMBER 6, 2024.**



Department of Kansas *Holiday Party*

Miami Post 156

5 Delaware St, Paola

December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2024 – 11:00 Social, 12:00-3:00

MENU: Meatloaf and Ham, Mashed Potatoes w/Country Gravy, Green Beans, Cheesy Corn w/Cream Cheese, soup & side salad and various desserts.

Activities include:

- Holiday Pictures
- Ugly Sweater Contest
- Night Before Christmas Gift Exchange for those who bring a gift.
- Dept Officer Baby Pic Match
- 50/50 Proceeds to Presidents Project
- Pull Tabs



ARMY vs NAVY  
2:00 pm Watch Party, bring snacks.

RSVP WITH PAYMENT BY **DEC 1** TO:

American Legion, Miami Post 156

PO Box 126, Paola, KS 66064

For more information contact: [postcommander156@kansaslegion.org](mailto:postcommander156@kansaslegion.org) or (913) 314-2306

Number of adult meals : \_\_\_\_\_ X \$15 each = \$\_\_\_\_\_

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_,

\_\_\_\_\_, \_\_\_\_\_.





# BOWLING



# Tournament

2024

★ Jan 6/7 & 13/14 & 20/21 ★

PLEASE READ TOURNAMENT RULES ON THE REVERSE

- \* Entries will be given priority in order of receipt \*
- \* Team captains will be notified of times and dates \*
- \* Both Men and Women can compete—see rule #1 \*
- \* Multiple entries allowed—see rule #12 \*

**\*\* NO REFUNDS \*\***



4200 SW Huntoon  
Topeka KS 66604

Teams will need to make their own  
reservations at the Host Motel  
(information on reverse)

Questions? Call (913) 680-8680





*Excerpts from the rules of the  
Kansas American Legion Bowling Association*

1. All participants of the Kansas American Legion Bowling Association shall be bowlers (male or female) with current Kansas American Legion card and current USBC card. Kansas SAL members over the age of 18 are eligible to bowl in this tournament if they have a current USBC card and a current paid SAL dues. Kansas Auxiliary members over the age of 18 are eligible if they have a current USBC card and current Auxiliary card.
2. The annual bowling tournament of the Kansas American Legion Bowling Association shall include competition in the five-person Team, Doubles, Singles, and/or All-Events. Contestants entering Doubles must also enter Singles and vice-versa on the same entry sheet. Paid All-Events entries are not transferable unless the substitute replaces the original entrant in all three events, and the transfer is made by the Tournament Director or Assistant(s) prior to the substitute's participation in the event.
3. Handicap is based on **90% of 220**. Entrants will use their highest USBC or YABA sanctioned league average based on a **minimum of 21 games** for the 2022-2023 or the 2021-2022 season. If the current 21-game average as of December 1st, 2023, is 10 or more pins above 90%, the current season average must be used. If there is no average from the **2022-2023 season**, the highest USBC or YABA sanctioned average must be used, based on 21-games or more as of **December 1st, 2023**. Averages established in sanctioned leagues which start their seasons after March 15th for the summer season shall be accepted as official, provided the bowler does not have an acceptable regular season average. Bowlers may enter the tournament with a **175 average** if no league or tournament average has been set. **If the tournament average is higher than 175, the tournament average will be used. If the bowler has bowled in the tournament in previous years, the bowler can and will be rerated at the Tournament Director's discretion.**
4. Five-person Teams or Doubles will bowl in the order they are entered on the entry form.
5. In the event of mechanical failure, it is hereby agreed that the contestants affected shall be moved to the next available pair of lanes.
6. Individuals will not be permitted to enter more than once in Doubles and Singles events. In case of emergency, a host bowler who has previously participated in the tournament may bowl with an out-of-town bowler in the Doubles event, only with the approval of the Tournament Director.
7. All entry fees must be paid in full and must accompany the entry form. **Make remittances payable to KS AM Legion Bowling Assn.** No entry fees will be refunded.

8. All entrants' first and last names must be listed; do not list nicknames. PENALTIES: Tardy players will start in the frame being bowled, with a score of zero being given for each frame missed. Use of an ineligible player or reporting an incorrect average will nullify all claims for any prize or award.
9. It shall be each bowler's responsibility to verify the accuracy of his/her average, whether originally submitted by the bowler, their team captain, or others. Failure to use the proper average or make a correction prior to completion of the first game of the series shall disqualify the score if the submitted average is lower than the actual average, or the base prize winnings of the submitted average is higher.
10. Protests or errors in scoring/calculation must be made in writing to the Tournament Management within 24 hours after bowling, or the scores will stand as scored.
11. The following USBC Rules will be used:
  - Rule 319-A - the "10 pin rule," with effective date of **December 1st, 2022**
  - Rule 319-A-3 - reporting of incorrect average provision
  - Rule 319-D - report winnings of \$300 or more in previous tournaments in the past year
  - Rule 319-E - average adjustments
12. **MULTIPLE TEAM ENTRY** - All bowlers may bowl the Team event twice. They must change two bowlers to bowl the second time. They must enter the second time before entries close. They may cash twice. **The highest Team Event score counts for the All-Events score.**
13. Check in is 1/2 hour before the squad time.
14. Next year's tournament location is to be determined.
15. All prize checks must be cashed within 90 days.

*Unused Expense Funds and all other fundraising proceeds  
from the tournament will be donated to  
Kansas Department of Children and Youth. &  
The National Commander Campaign Fund*



## Host Motel

**Endeavor Inn & Suites**  
924 Southwest Henderson Road  
Topeka, KS 66615

Contact the Hotel at (785) 273-8888

Rate: \$87.00 + tax \* Double, Queen, or King  
includes Free Breakfast &  
2 Happy Hour Drink Tickets

*When making reservations, mention that you are with  
the American Bowling League. These rooms will be  
given on a first come, first serve basis. To get this  
special rate, rooms must be reserved no later than  
Wednesday, December 8th, 2023 at 5 pm CST.*

# 77TH ANNUAL KANSAS AMERICAN LEGION BOWLING TOURNAMENT • 2024 ENTRY FORM

TEAM EVENT OFFICIAL LINE UP	2022-2023 AVERAGE	USBC ID NUMBER	AL ID NUMBER
1)			
2)			
3)			
4)			
5)			



SINGLES/DOUBLES OFFICIAL LINE UP	2022-2023 AVERAGE	USBC ID NUMBER	AL ID NUMBER	ALL EVENTS
1)				
2)				
1)				
2)				
1)				
2)				

## Squad Times

Saturday—Sgls & Dbls 11am  
Teams 3:30pm

Sundays—Teams 9am  
Sgls & Dbls 1pm

**Preferred Singles & Doubles**

Dates	Times
1.	
2.	
3.	

**Preferred Team**

Dates	Times
1.	
2.	
3.	

Please allow time for lane dressing between squads

INDIVIDUAL USBC SANCTION AND  
KS AMERICAN LEGION/SAL/AUX CARDS  
MUST BE PRESENTED AT THE TIME OF BOWLING

MORAL SUPPORT IS SANCTIONED BY USBC

**Unavailable dates:** \_\_\_\_\_

**TEAM NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CAPTAIN:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**PHONE:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**ADDRESS:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**CITY:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**STATE:** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**EMAIL:** \_\_\_\_\_

*Reserved entries close at midnight November 11th, 2023  
 Non-reserved entries close at midnight December 9th, 2023  
 Money without an entry form will NOT hold your spot*

ENTRY FEE BREAK-DOWN			
	TEAM	DOUBLE	SINGLE
PRIZE FUND	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50
BOWLING FEE	\$62.50	\$25.00	\$12.50
EXPENSES	\$25.00	\$10.00	\$5.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$150.00</b>	<b>\$60.00</b>	<b>\$30.00</b>

MINIMUM TOTAL PER PERSON = \$60  
 (\$30 per event per person)  
**OPTIONAL ALL EVENT FEE = \$8.00**

Prize Ratio is at least 1 out of 10  
 Prize fund payout is 100%

**DO NOT WRITE IN THIS SPACE—OFFICE USE ONLY**  
 Team \$: \_\_\_\_\_ All Event \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Single \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Double \$: \_\_\_\_\_  
 Total \$: \_\_\_\_\_ Check # \_\_\_\_\_  
 Date Rec'd: \_\_\_\_\_

Make checks payable to  
**KS AM Legion Bowling Assn**  
 Mail entries to:  
 Michael Cole  
 918 Josela Court  
 Leavenworth, KS 66048

Team @ \$150.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Doubles\* @ \$60.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 Singles\* @ \$30.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
 All Event @ \$8.00..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
**TOTAL DUE..... \$ \_\_\_\_\_**





Kansas Honor Flight is proud to be in our 13th year of sending Kansas WWII, Korea and Vietnam era veterans on their trip of a lifetime to visit their Memorials in Washington DC in appreciation of their service.

We are now seeing the number of applications we receive is slowing down. Don't be left behind because we very much want to send YOU! So now is the time for veterans who still want to go to fill out an application.

Kansas WWII, Korea and Vietnam era veterans can easily get on the waiting list by applying online on our website. Veterans applying now would likely fly after 2024. (Veterans go in order of applications received, with WWII, Korea era, and veterans with terminal health issues always going to the head of the line.) Kansas WWII, Korea & Vietnam era veterans are eligible to go no matter where they physically served. Veterans can also arrange to go on the same trip with other eligible veterans they know.

There is no cost to the veteran as trips are made possible completely through donations and volunteers. If assistance is needed on the trip, Guardians who pay their own way, will accompany the veteran. Kansas Honor Flight also has volunteer Guardians who pay their own way to assist any veterans who may not have anyone available to go with them.

We need you to apply now to join our wait list so you're not left behind when the time comes for our Mission to successfully wind down. Please share with any eligible veterans you know. Complete information and application is on our website. <https://kansashonorflight.org/>

# AMERICAN LEGION TEAM KANSAS ORDER FORM

**NAME** \_\_\_\_\_

**ADDRESS** \_\_\_\_\_

**CITY** \_\_\_\_\_ **STATE** \_\_\_\_\_ **ZIP** \_\_\_\_\_

**EMAIL** \_\_\_\_\_ **PHONE** \_\_\_\_\_



**T-SHIRTS \$20.00 POLOS \$30.00**

	Grey T-shirt	Red T-shirt	Purple Polo	Blue Polo	Blue Polo w/Pocket	Red Polo	Red Polo w/Pocket	Total Shirt	Amount Due
Youth Small									
Youth Med									
Youth Large									
Youth XL									
Adult Small									
Adult Med									
Adult Large									
Adult XL									
Adult XXL +\$2									
Adult XXXL +\$3									
Adult XXXXL +\$4									
								Totals	

**Mail / Call / Text  
orders and payments to:**

Marri Krupco  
510 E Main St.,  
Blue Mound, KS 66010  
(620-224-7354)

**MAKE CHECKS PAYABLE TO:  
KS NATIONAL COMMANDERS CAMPAIGN FUND**

**CASH**

**PAYPAL**

**CHECK**

**VENMO**

**CASH APP**

**ZELLE**



\*\* ACTUAL COLORS MAY VARY.